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- On 1 July 1953, the Chinese Communist Ministry of Communications sent 35 seamen, including 8 Communist Party members, 23 Youth League members, and 4 cadres, from Peiping to the USSR for training in Soviet navigational techniques. The training program was based on a proposal of Pa-hsueh-wei-ch'i (1572/7185/4850/1142), a Soviet expert attached to the Chinese Communist Ministry of Communications.
- According to the program, the ministry planned to send several groups of seamen to the USSR for training. The first group of 35 seamen was selected from among personnel in several military areas by the China Seamen's Trade Union and the Ocean Navigation Central Administration¹ of the Ministry of Communications. Prior to their departure, the 35 seamen studied for two months at the Seamen's Cadre School in Nanking.
- In mid-July, a Chinese Communist school in Tsingtao, connected with the Navy, extended facilities of its torpedo training class to be a branch torpedo school on the west side of Haipin (3189/3453) at Harbor View, a park in Lai-yanglu (5490/7122/6424), Tsingtao. The branch school's enrollment was to be increased from 40 to 120 students. The school's three torpedo boats were in the bay between the small Tsingtao lighthouse and Ch'ienhaichanch'iao (0467/3189/2770/2890).

- ☐ Comment. This organization may possibly be the Maritime Transportation Control Bureau or the Navigation Engineering Bureau-- both of them subordinate to the Ministry of Communications.

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